

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #132:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hello everyone! There are some interesting auctions on the horizon, as well as upcoming trade shows that I want to inform you of. I've left a few auctions on from last week since they are still forthcoming.

Leu 5 (*Live floor auction in Zurich, 27 Oct*)

This auction is just around the corner but there is still time to get in touch if you need representation. I also still have a few catalogs left if you want one. Just let me know!

CNG ESale 455 (*30 Oct*)

CNG has 766 lots in their upcoming electronic auction. Like all their auctions, CNG has a good percentage of pedigreed coins. In this particular sale about 34% of the coins have some pedigree or another. There is a substantial section at the end of the sale of smaller antiquities which isn't a typical feature of the CNG e-sales. I noticed several fun pieces. Lot 10, a nomos from Metapontum doesn't look overly special until you see the sphinx symbol seated on the leaf. Lot 67 is a pretty bronze from Thessaly with imagery of a cart with a hydria atop and a crow perched on the wheel. This coin is not especially expensive but is lovely in style. Large electrum coins have come dramatically in price and they have some that could be good opportunities (lots 115-124). The usual high quality Greek, Republican, Imperial and Imperial Roman and so forth can be seen as well.

Naville Numismatics E-Sale 53 (*3 Nov*)

Naville has 781 lots in their upcoming sale. They are offering a number of ex Dattari collection lots. I've participated in almost every one of their auctions and the Dattari

material has grown in popularity. There is typically some very aggressive bidding on some of the finer pieces. That said, it continues to be a great place to get coins from the “master” of Roman Alexandria. Naville, who is the sibling to NAC, often gets coins that have been in previous NAC sales so keep your eyes open for some goodies.

Peus 425 (*Live floor auction in Frankfurt, 7–8 Nov*)

This was also mentioned last week but I would like to leave it on the newsletter since it is still a bit away. Peus has two days of auctions with 2,271 lots. This auction features a large section of Celtic coinage (200 lots) and almost all with known pedigrees dating back 30+ years. The Greek section has some wonderful gold, many fractional, also pedigreed. Peus has named this collection *Aurum Graecum*. The collector obviously bought privately and in auction as some of the coins had pedigrees before the purchase by the collector and others just note the collection. Another major part of the catalog is dedicated to the “*Sammlung eines Frankfurter Römerfreundes*” (A Frankfurt “friend of Rome” collection). This consists of early Roman Republican bronze coinage. If you are a fan of the aes grave then check this catalog out. It has some compelling material. As in last year’s catalog, Peus is offering a number of Judaica lots which I found interesting. This group are mainly medals but they offer a well known schraubmedaille (screw medal) which has the story of Joseph Oppenheimer or better known as Jud Süß, a German-Jewish banker and court Jew under the Duke of Württemberg in the 1730’s. The story within the medal is the true story of how after the Duke died Oppenheimer was tried and executed and then his body hung for 6 years in a cage on a square just outside of Stuttgart. On an aside note, Oppenheimer was executed in 1738 and the legal documents surrounding his execution were sealed until 1918!

I am participating in the Peus auction so please get in touch if you need representation.

Aureo & Calicó, Alba Longa part II (*Life floor auction in Barcelona, 14 Nov*)

This auction has been anxiously awaited by many! The Alba Longa part II is a continuation of the fantastic collection of Roman Republican and Imperial coins. Most of the pieces are pedigreed back to the Leo Benz Sale (Lanz Auction 88, 23 November 1998) or some even earlier. It is clear to see that the collector wanted a complete collection of Imperial pieces so quality can vary among the lots. That said, it is probably one of the more exciting sales (in my humble opinion) this Fall for collectors interested in this area.

This auction happens to fall on a travel day for me for the Whitman Coin Expo in Baltimore, therefore, I am partnering with an expert in the area that will view coins, give notes and then represent myself and customers in the auction. If you are interested in this auction please get in touch with your lot list and I can pass this onto my partner. More to come on this auction in the weeks moving forward!

Nomos 19 (*Life floor auction in Zurich, 17 Nov*)

The Nomos auction has just gone live on Sixbid and Numisbids. There are 478 lots in this auction. I was able to go through most of the lots while I was in Zurich for the NAC auction just a few weeks ago. There are some great rarities like lot 73, a gold stater from the Chalcidian League, circa 352–350 BC. According to the write-up from Nomos, this coin served as a prototype for the coins of Philip II. I also several coins with nice pedigrees, like lot 149, a beautiful example from Teos and with a pedigree back to 1978

from Münzen und Medaillen 54, as well as being on the cover of that catalog. If you like fractional silver then check out lots 183 and 194, not terribly expensive but beautifully executed. If you collect Roman then check out lot 280, the impressive Commodus medaillon. There is plenty to admire in this upcoming sale.

I will be participating in the Nomos sale so please get in touch if you need representation.

Upcoming Trade Show - Whitman Baltimore Expo (14-17 Nov)

The Whitman Baltimore Expo will be taking place from November 14-17. I will be exhibiting at this show at booth 1136 in the ancient/world section. Last year I was unable to exhibit or attend so I'm happy to get back there. The Baltimore show has a nice selection of ancient and world dealers attending so if you are close or want a weekend of coins then please consider coming. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you there and bringing new inventory that I acquired during the Fall sales. For my information on the Expo check out this site: <http://expo.whitman.com/>

San Francisco Bourse (6-7 December)

I'm looking forward to returning to the Bay area and participating in the SF Bourse. It is a small affair but wonderful to see some of the nicest customers out on the west coast and surrounding areas. If you haven't attended the show think about coming. It is small enough to get through everything and most of the larger auctions will bring their material for the NY International auctions so you can preview it instead of waiting until January rolls around and we are all cramming to get viewing in. More to come on my table number and the events surrounding the bourse.

Coin of the Week

ETRURIA. Populonia. c. 300 BC

AR 20 Asses, 8.34g. Head of Metus (Medusa) facing with protruding tongue. Below two large X's / Blank.

Pedigree: Ex NAC 92 (Part 1), 23 May 2016, lot 69

Price: \$8,500

References: Rutter, *Historia Numorum* 152; Vecchi, *Etruscan Coinage* 58

Grade: Unusually well struck for this issue. Some encrustation on reverse. EF

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The Etruscan city of Populonia was named for one of its gods Fufluns. There is little known about the Etruscan civilization. Much has been understood because of the coinage produced there. Etruria is located in what is now modern Tuscany, western Umbria and northern Lazio. Prior to the rise of Rome, the area of Etruria was a prosperous one with its own distinct language and culture. A series of battles called the Roman-Etruscan Wars lasted for hundreds of years from the 8th century BC until roughly 280 BC. Eventually the Etruscan population merged completely with the conquering Romans. The Etruscan language lasted another 300 years even after its consolidation with Rome. This coin was struck just previous to the end of Etrurian culture as it was known.

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/etruria-populonia-c-300-bc?rq=gk1210>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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